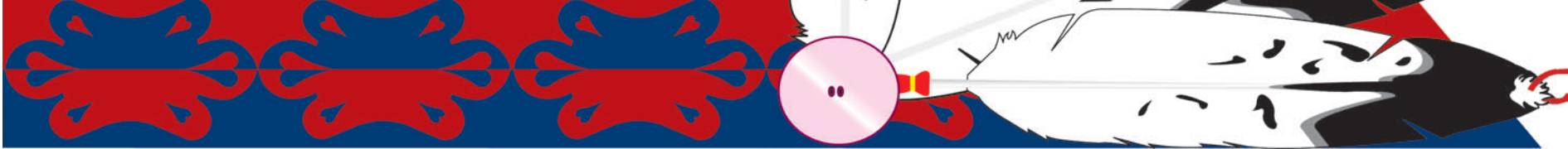


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## State Supreme Court makes split decision on Dairyland Greyhound Park lawsuit

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On Tuesday, March 30, 2004 the Wisconsin Supreme Court came to a 3-3 split decision in the case of Dairyland Greyhound Park's lawsuit filed in 2003 claiming the State Constitution, as amended in 1993, bans casino-style gambling. The lawsuit asks that Gov. James Doyle be prohibited from renegotiating or extending the current Indian Gaming compacts permitting casino-style gambling, arguing that the State cannot grant gaming rights that are illegal under the Wisconsin Constitution.

As a result of the 3-3 split decision, the case will go to the 4th District Court of Appeals for further consideration. Usually cases go to the Court of Appeals before the Supreme Court. However, when Richard Callaway, a Dane County Circuit Court Judge, ruled against the case, the appeals court sent it directly to the Supreme Court.

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## Spring thaw produces ice and water over flow on the Wolf River



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With the warm weather in the past few weeks the rivers and lakes are starting to open up. The Wolf River in downtown Keshena over flowed to reach the army tank in Veteran's Park last week.

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Spring has sprung upon the Land of the Menominee Indian Reservation in Menominee County and surrounding areas and the Wolf River is flowing and in some areas - overflowing.

The Wolf River basin lies in northern and central Wisconsin and drains 3,690 square miles.

The portion of the Wolf River that flows through the Reservation and County is known as the West Branch of the Wolf River and is approximately 24 miles in length.

For the Menominee Indian Tribe the Wolf has provided an annual harvest of wild rice, fish, white water rafting and a watering hole for the natural habitants that occupy the 234,000 acres of land and forest.

Spring signals the birth of a new season and a new year for the Menominee Indian Tribe and activities abound in keeping with the Menominee Indian Tribe's traditions and culture.

It is only natural, that as the water flows on the Wolf River the Menominee people engage in such activities as the *Annual Sturgeon celebration, April 17*, and the *Annual Sugar Maple Camp* collection and harvest in the month of Supomahkwan-kesoq (Sugar Making Month), April.

If you had occasion to drive through the Menominee Indian Reservation you may have seen the huge chunks of ice making its way down the Wolf. In some instances massive sized loose tree trunks were imbedded within the ice.

In speaking to Ron Corn, Emergency Government represen-

tative he explained, "Two days ago (about March 30) the Wolf River was under a "Watch" status and is now with the water level subsiding the status has gone to a "Warning" level.

According to Corn, "The chunks of ice that everyone witnessed flowing down the river have let loose and nature is taking its course." Ron Corn assured *Menominee Nation News*, "The water flow of the Wolf River is being monitored."

Mr. Corn said there had been some overflowing of the Wolf by the River Mart convenience store/gas station but the area has been sandbagged as a precaution.

In the meantime enjoy the beauty of the Wolf River, a federally designated wild river considered to be one of the last pristine rivers in the State of Wisconsin.

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